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CITY ASKED TO BACK TAX VOTE

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Who do you think should handle the family's money matters and why?"

Answering were:

Mrs. Lorene Caywood, 1336 W. 227th St., housewife:

"I handle the money in our family because I think women handle money better than men as a general rule. However, in our house, we both agree that I do it the best so it's by mutual consent that I do. I think women know the true value of things better than men; they have more experience finding such things out."

Mrs. Helen Snow, 1336 W. 227th St. housewife:

"We both handle the money in our house. I usually get the money orders and such but any shopping we do, we do together. We feel that it concerns us both and is a 50-50 proposition. We've always done it that way since we've been married. I think it helps us to understand our financial limitations better."

Mrs. Gladys Yates, 20802 Margaret St., housewife:

"I think women should handle the money. Most men don't like to shop; they like to go in and right out again never comparing prices nor values as long as they get what they want after. Whereas, women know values better. Also if a woman has the responsibility of handling the money, I think they are more careful of it. They take the monthly bills and owing money more seriously, too."

Mrs. Marjorie Watkins, 2322 W. 231st St., housewife:

"Well, in our house I take care of the business end of things. Of course, any decisions that are made, we make together but I pay the bills and do the shopping. He gives me the check and I cash it simply because it is more convenient for me to do it than him, as I have more time and am back and forth downtown more often than he is."

Alex J. Ferguson, 908 Beach Ave., retired steel worker:

"I think women should handle the money matters because they are more economical and have a greater sense of value. Also they watch for the sales so they can save some. Men never think of that. But I don't think a man should turn his whole check over to his wife."

Unique Plan Praised by Area Staffs

Doctors on the Torrance Memorial Hospital staff got a \$100,000 load off their collective chests this week.

George O. Peeke, M.D., chief of staff, handed the final payment to Henry W. Creeger, president of the hospital's board of directors, during a staff meeting this week. The payment represented the final dollar in the doctors' pledge to contribute \$100,000 toward the construction and equipping of the new surgical and maternity wings of the pioneer hospital in downtown Torrance.



LEHMAN W. BROCK Business Director

Appointed

College Business Director

Lehman W. Brock, Manhattan Beach, has been named director of business at El Camino College by the college Board of Trustees.

A native of Bedford, Iowa, the new director has served for the past two years as assistant director of business on the college campus, having joined the El Camino staff in 1958. Brock and his wife, Verona, became residents of the South Bay area in 1953, when he was employed at Redondo Beach Union High School to serve as counselor and attendance supervisor.

THE NEW director started his professional career at Parkville High School in Parkville, Mo., where he taught classes in English and business. He also has taught accounting at Park College while in Parkville.

Before coming to California Brock was business manager of Friends University in Wichita, Kans. He was dean of boys at Exeter Union High School immediately prior to his employment at Redondo Beach.

FROM 1913 TO 1916, the educator served as field director of the American Red Cross. He was also employed by Boeing Aircraft in Wichita and has operated a business of his own in Estes Park, Colo.

A member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Redondo Beach, he is currently president of the Manhattan Beach Kiwanis Club.

HE IS A member of the El Camino College Faculty Assn., the California Teachers Assn., the California Assn. of School Business Officials, and the National Assn. of School Business Officials.

Brock secured his bachelor of arts degree at Tarkio College in Missouri, with a major in business administration and (Continued on Page 14)

UNDER THE direction of Howard A. Wood, M.D., chairman of the hospital's adjudication committee, each doctor contributed to the fund at the rate of 75 cents a day for each patient he had in the hospital. A maximum of \$7.50 was placed on each patient.

"In this way, the medical staff felt the doctors who used the hospital and its facilities most would be contributing most for the improvements which were planned," Dr. Wood said.

Staff doctors whose principal use of hospital facilities was limited to x-ray, clinical laboratory, and anesthesia volunteered to make their donation on a percentage ratio of work in the hospital, Dr. Wood pointed out.

The five-year plan inaugurated by the doctors went into operation in January, 1955, and proved highly successful, according to Administrator Leonard Ensminger. It was unique among hospital financing plans, and Dr. Wood has been called on to explain its operation to a large number of other medical staffs throughout Southern California.

A RECORD of the doctor's patients was kept, and each doctor on the staff was billed for his assessment at the end of each month, Ensminger said. The money was made available to the hospital immediately on its receipt from the individual doctors.

The new surgical and maternity wing was opened three years ago, and is one of the most modern and best equipped facilities available.

THE WING ALSO contains the nursery, kitchen, staff meeting room, and cafeteria. Announcement that the doctors had completed their pledge followed the announcement that Creeger had been elected to serve his fifth term as president of the hospital's board.

Creeger, manager of the American-Standard plant here until his retirement, has been a member of the hospital board since 1955 and has been active in many community affairs since coming here in 1947. He is a past president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Other directors re-elected include Judge Donald Armstrong, Dr. John W. Beeman, Mrs. Paul Loranger, Nelson C. Rucker, and Melvin Schwab.

Chamber to Greet Three Industries

Three new Torrance industries—Kaag Trophies, Them Industries, and Woodland Furniture, will be welcomed at the June 28 breakfast meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, Manager Dick Fitzgerald announced yesterday. Co-chairmen of the event will be George Bradford and Kenny Uyeda.



FINAL PAYMENT . . . Henry W. Creeger (left) receives symbolic last payment from George O. Peeke, M.D., chief of staff of Torrance Memorial Hospital, while Dr. Howard A. Wood and Administrator Leonard Ensminger (right) look on. Payment completed staff doctors pledge of \$100,000 toward construction of the new surgical and maternity wings at the hospital which were opened three years ago. (Herald Photo)

Youth Employment Service Begins First Operations

A group of Torrance youngsters are hoping that townspeople will say "yes" to the Y.E.S.

The Y.E.S. stands for Youth Employment Service, a program designed to help high school youngsters to get jobs to earn extra money during the summer. The program is sponsored by the Torrance Unified School District's Work Experi-

ence Department and the State Department of Employment.

The program will get underway next Monday, June 20, with offices set up in the State Employment Office, 2007 Carson St., Torrance. A group of about 25 youngsters are donating time to staff the office, which will maintain a file of prospective employees and employers.

YOUNGSTERS who want work of various types, ranging from typing, delivering, and selling to babysitting and mowing lawns, can contact the Y.E.S. Both businesses and individual residents can call either FA 0-1361 or FA 0-1362 to get help.

With the assistance of Lysle Albro, Torrance School work (Continued on Page 14)

School Chief Hits Recent Zone Changes

A suggestion that the mayor and city council support the Oct. 11 school district election for a 50-cent override tax in 1961-62 will be considered by the council at its meeting Tuesday evening.

A letter to the council from Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the local school district and secretary to the board of education, implies that the council brought on the need for additional funds by rezoning industrial land for residential purposes.

REVIEWING the costs of building schools and educating children, Dr. Hull reminded the council that the school had opposed rezoning of a huge industrial parcel recently (Sepulveda Blvd. and Crenshaw).

At the time of the rezoning question, half of the costs of education came from taxpayers, and it cost about \$385 to educate a pupil for one year, the superintendent said.

SINCE THAT time (two years), the local district has been forced to contribute 55 per cent of the costs of operating the schools, and per pupil costs have risen to an estimated \$400 a year.

"We would like further to call your attention to the fact that an individual house as typically built in Torrance produces usually less than \$150 per house per year for education in Torrance," Hull wrote.

MANY OF THESE homes have two or three and even four pupils to educate, he added.

Apparently voicing the sentiments of his board of education, Dr. Hull said it was "essential that no more land which is not zoned manufacturing be converted to residential

zoning unless you wish to increase the local property tax to finance the education of additional children as well as other city services."

Shoestring Group Picks New Leader

Mrs. James Fryback, former secretary and vice president of the Shoestring Strip Advisory Committee to Councilman John S. Gibson, has been named chairman to succeed George Mercer.

Mrs. Fryback, and other officers chosen at the Normandale Playground meeting this past week, will be installed at a dinner meeting to be held in August.

Other leaders named were: George Hinzo, vice chairman; Mrs. Oren Deuschle, secretary; George Mercer, treasurer; Judson Bowers, auditor, and Mrs. Wayne Smith, hospitality chairman.

Plans for the dinner meeting will be completed at the July 5 committee session, according to Mary Mercer, publicity chairman.

Harvey Gets New Ordnance Work

A contract valued at \$98,729 has been awarded to Harvey Aluminum by the U.S. Army Ordnance District in Los Angeles for 90 mm cartridge production engineering studies.

Flying Farmers, Mayors Greeted Here

Flying Farmers of California, with a dozen mayors of California cities, were given an en-

thusiastic reception here Thursday when they made one of many stops on an air tour of

the state in 22 light airplanes.

After a lively, friendly luncheon at the Jump 'n Jack restaurant, they left for San Diego where they were given a tour of the harbor and later took off for Palm Springs. Today they are expected to end their tour after completing overnight stops at Palm Springs, Santa Rosa, and Lake Tahoe. Enroute to Santa Rosa the group landed at Hearst ranch for a tour of the castle.

TORRANCE'S Mayor Albert Isen flew to San Diego with Clyde Barnett, personal representative of Gov. Pat Brown on the jaunt and executive head of the California Aeronautics Commission. Slim Kidwell, local airplane dealer, also joined the tour at Torrance.

ARRANGED BY the Torrance Chamber of Commerce under the leadership of Councilman Willys Blount, himself an experienced pilot, the recep-

tion and luncheon accorded the flying group was well attended and highly praised by the participants.

Speakers lauded the annual

tour as a means of bringing rural and urban interests closer together in the solution of problems affecting all the residents of the state.



SWAP QUIPS . . . Mayors Norris Poulson and Albert Isen swap quips at Flying Farmer luncheon before start of air tour of state. Mayor Isen referred to Los Angeles as a "suburb of Torrance" while Mayor Poulson conceded only that he was "for the Torrance airport." Later both departed as passengers in separate light planes, 22 of which landed and later took off from the local municipal field for San Diego.



BLOUNT AND QUEEN . . . Councilman Willys Blount, chairman of luncheon reception for Flying Farmers and mayors of California cities with Paula Christensen, California FF queen who will be candidate for national title next month at convention of air-minded agriculturists with organized groups in 32 states.